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The Examiner's attention is directed to the following U.S. applications:

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10/614,169	Yasuo Miyauchi Hiroyuki Saito Kenji Shigeno	July 8, 2003	2854
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WO '713 and EP '857 were cited in a Search Report of a corresponding European application. The Examiner might find these documents relevant for the reasons noted therein. A copy of the Search Report is included for the Examiner's convenience.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	<b>6,631,985</b>	<b>10/2003</b>	<b>KOIZUMI ET AL.</b>			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
<b>WO 99/52713</b>	<b>10/1999</b>	<b>PCT</b>			
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## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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